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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING GROUP I

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Draft report

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Organization of the session

1. Working Group I held four meetings (45th to 48th), on 9, 11, 23 and 28 March 1992.

B. Officers of the Working Group

2. At its 47th meeting, on 23 March, the Working Group, upon the resignation of Mr. Gantcho Gantchev (Bulgaria) as Rapporteur, elected by acclamation its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Shinichi Isashiki (Japan), as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

3. The Officers of the Working Group were thus as follows:

Chairman: Bo Kjellén

Vice-Chairmen: Charles A. Liburd (Guyana)
Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Shinichi Isashiki (Japan)

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C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. At its 45th meeting, on 9 March, the Working Group approved its agenda as contained in section II of document A/CONF.151/PC/96. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Protection of the atmosphere:

   (a) Climate change;

   (b) Ozone depletion;

   (c) Transboundary air pollution.

3. Land resources:

   (a) Deforestation;

   (b) Soil loss;

   (c) Desertification and drought.

4. Conservation of biological diversity.

5. Environmentally sound management of biotechnology.

6. Adoption of the report of Working Group I.

D. Documentation

5. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on protection of the atmosphere (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.14);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on an integrated approach to planning and management of land resources (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.15);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on combating desertification (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.16);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on combating desertification and drought: managing fragile ecosystems (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.17);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.18);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.19);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the conservation of biological diversity (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.20);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of biotechnology (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.27);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on land resources (A/CONF.151/PC/105);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on forests (A/CONF.151/PC/106);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on the atmosphere (A/CONF.151/PC/107);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on the conservation of biological diversity (A/CONF.151/PC/108);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on environmentally sound management of biotechnology (A/CONF.151/PC/109);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on combating desertification and drought (A/CONF.151/PC/110);

(o) Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the UNEP report on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (A/CONF.151/PC/117);

(p) Report on the activities of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (A/CONF.151/PC/118);

(q) Proposal on forest principles submitted by the United States of America (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.20);

(r) Proposal submitted by Ghana 1/ on a non-legally binding authoritative statement of principles for a global consensus on the management, conservation and development of all types of forests (A/CONF.151/PC/L.22);

(s) Proposal submitted by Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela on a programme for the regulation and conservation of catchment areas in mountainous regions (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.23);

(t) Proposal submitted by Canada on guiding principles towards a global consensus for the conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests worldwide (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.24);

(u) Proposal submitted by the Chairman on protection of the atmosphere: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.25/Rev.2 and Add.1);

(v) Proposals submitted by Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela on a programme for the generation and transfer of biotechnologies and their sustainable use in the developing countries (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.26);

(w) Chairman's summary and proposals for action on conservation of biological diversity: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.28/Rev.1);

(x) Chairman's summary and proposals for action on land resources: desertification and drought (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.29);

(y) Chairman's summary and proposals for action on environmentally sound management of biotechnology: optons for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.30/Rev.1);

(z) Position paper submitted by Finland on forest issues in Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.31);

(aa) Position paper submitted by the Netherlands 2/ on forestry in Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.32);

(bb) Draft decision proposed by the Chairman on environmentally sound management of biotechnology: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/L.38/Rev.1);

(cc) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.17 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.39 and Rev.1);

(dd) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.18 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.40 and Corr.1);

(ee) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.15 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.41);

(ff) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.19 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.42 and Corr.1);

(gg) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of preliminary discussions held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.16 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.43 and Corr.1);

(hh) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on conservation of biodiversity (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.44);

(ii) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.27 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.45);

(jj) Text submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Charles A. Liburd (Guyana), on a non-legally binding authoritative statement of principles for a global consensus on the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.46);

(kk) Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.14 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.47);

(ll) Draft report of the Working Group (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.48);

(mm) Chairman's summary and proposals for action on protection and management of land resources: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/CRP.21/Rev.1);

(nn) Chairman's summary and proposals for action on conservation and development of forests (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/CRP.13);

(oo) Draft on contact group discussions submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Charles A. Liburd (Guyana) (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/CRP.14/Rev.2).

II. PROTECTION OF THE ATMOSPHERE

6. At the 47th meeting, on 23 March, the representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

III. LAND RESOURCES

A. Deforestation

7. At the 46th meeting, on 11 March, the Minister for Environment and Tourism of Burkina Faso made a statement.

IV. ACTION TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP

8. At the 48th meeting, on 28 March, the Working Group decided to transmit to the plenary for further consideration the following documents:

(a) Under agenda item 2:

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.14 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.47);

(b) Under agenda item 3 (a):

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of preliminary discussions held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.16 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.43 and Corr.1);

Text submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Charles A. Liburd (Guyana), on a non-legally binding authoratative statement of principles for a global consensus on the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.46);

(c) Under agenda item 3 (b):

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.18 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.40 and Corr.1);

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.15 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.41);

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.19 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.42 and Corr.1);

(d) Under agenda item 3 (c):

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.17 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.39/Rev.1);

(e) Under agenda item 4:

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on conservation of biological diversity (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.44);

(f) Under agenda item 5:

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.27 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.45).

V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING GROUP I

9. At the 48th meeting, on 28 March, the Working Group adopted its report as contained in document A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.48.

Notes

1/ On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

2/ On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community.